

The Gleichen Call.

Devoted to the Up-Building of Gleichen and the Development of the District Generally

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—THE—
Gleichen
District
HAD
Highest
Average Yield
—OF—
Wheat & Oats
—IN—
Sunny Alberta
In 1906
ACCORDING TO
GOVERNMENT
STATISTICS

Year II., No. 40.

GLEICHEN, ALBERTA, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1908.

\$1.50 Per Year

ADMITS GLEICHEN PAYS 2 CENTS MORE

Distance lends enchantment, but at times it don't bring in the dough—or the grain to make it.

After quoting our remarks of two issues ago the High River Times comments as follows:

"The Call man should call around at High River one of these days and see the many farmers who drive to town from a few miles of Gleichen. These men realize they can get better bargains, not only in oatmeal, but in every other line. Our merchants are not afraid to quote prices, something that is foreign in The Call. As for all they have at Gleichen is a dinky elevator, while here in High River we have facilities for handling two or three hundred thousand bushel. We acknowledge farmers get 2 cents a bushel more at Gleichen, owing to being nearer Fort William, but otherwise we refuse to take a back seat from our thriving town to the east of us."

Now it is real kind of The Times to acknowledge our advantages in this manner and the admission is all that could be desired. For the information of The Times it might be said that the "dinky" elevator, combined with our warehouses, loading platform, etc., is the "dinky" object that brought sore distress to High River merchants and no doubt induces them to quote as special prices the things that are quite ordinary in Gleichen. By the way, we might ask the Times why merchandise should not be cheaper here when he admits our freight rates are less?

The real reason the grain facilities are so much better here than at High River is that Gleichen is on the main line of the C.P.R. while High River is on a "dinky" side line. Then, too, another point in our favor is that our merchants buy largely in carload lots and these cars are re-loaded with grain.

The Times admits the farmers get 2 cents more at Gleichen, which amounts to a big item in the total of the immense quantity of grain coming from that direction daily, but the High River farmers tell us they get 4 and 5 cents more here.

It is possible some of the farmers south of Gleichen go to High River yet occasionally as they did before our new bridge was built; for naturally they will have some business to wind up there and like to visit the friends they made in that bustling little city.

house on his ranch. The rumor that he is to be married this winter proves false. The erection of the building is simply another evidence of his progressiveness.

E. Harold Smallcombe, the Earl of Pawtucket, has likewise made a number of improvements on his place. Dan Cupid has nothing to do in this case either.

Such has been the rush here this fall of newcomers, that at the social gatherings the old-timers feel lost, so many are the new faces. It is a bit late to express a word of welcome, but late or no we say it heartily, and the more the merrier.

The Queenstown Triumvirate, the Messrs. Kilt, Brown, Christie and Cavers were in attendance at Anstin Brown's dance.

The dance in question was in the nature of a house warming. The house which Mr. Brown has almost completed, is built on such an ample scale that it would seem to hint, at an early date, a radical change in the administration of his domestic economy. The dance was a success, which means that everybody danced, and what more could you ask?

We recall the chorus of a song sung by Miss Gertrude Quinlan in either the Sultan of Sala or the Shogun, but in just which we are uncertain. It is offered without comment:

You must dangle him lightly,
And talk to him brightly,
But shrink from his eager embrace;
No passion confessing;
But just keep him guessing,
And lead him a merry chase.

Forester's Ball New Year's Night

The Foresters' have postponed their annual ball from New Year's eve to New Year's night, owing to the Ranchers Ball coming off Monday and also for the reason that it will give all an opportunity to more thoroughly enjoy the holiday. They are sparing no efforts to make the ball a greater success than ever and have reason to believe there will be a very large attendance. The price of admission for gentlemen has been placed at \$1 and good music and a luncheon will be provided.

Walking to Vancouver

Clark and Marchant, the journalists, who claim to be the world's champion distance walkers reached Gleichen Saturday afternoon and remained in town until noon the following day. They left Quebec Aug. 8th last and are to walk to Vancouver by the 8th of January. From there they may ride back if they can raise the funds but must be in London, England, by March 1st. They left Quebec without money and are not allowed to beg or work and must each have \$150 when they reach London but are allowed to sell anything and have some good photos of themselves and views which they are selling. They spent a couple of hours with The Call and related some interesting experiences of their trip across the continent and are confident of completing their long tramp on schedule. Their cards bears the following information: Ed. N. Clark, late editor Monmouthshire Advertiser, Corpus Christi College, Oxford; Leo. Marchant, late staff Cape Town Argus, Trinity College, Cambridge.

Remember the Xmas tree to-night—Thursday.

SCHOOL ELECTION DATE NOT YET SET

The Call was misinformed last week in stating the nominations for the school trustees would take place on Saturday, and as a matter of fact the date has not yet been set and will not be until the books have been audited. The law provides that nominations and elections are to take place before January 15th of each year and the date is set by the Board. The proper date will be announced in due time according to the requirements of the law.

Considerable interest is now manifested in the nominations of the school trustees and it is probable that it will result in a very keen contest. Among the names mentioned for candidates are Messrs. Buckley, Ostrander W. James, Larkin, McKay, Henroth and Griesbach. From this number a good choice should be made, although it is not known whether all are willing to stand for election. However, it should result in bringing out every ratepayer to see that the best men are elected to handle our school affairs for the coming year.

TOWN AND DISTRICT

The election of town councillors this year is being taken up seriously and already votes are being canvassed for by friends of some of our best business men and the interest already shown would result in bringing out the best men we have for the positions. It is aimed to get men into the council for next year who will do their very best for the town regardless of the petty talk that a few are always ready to put up and that is so annoying to men who give their time and energy for the general good of the community. This year the Council had but little funds to disperse and could do little of the many improvements they would like to have done, but as one or two of them have about decided to stand for re-election it is interesting to note how many ratepayers will approve of the course they have pursued by electing them for another term.

Bricklaying on the new Gleichen school house was completed on Tuesday afternoon and the work of roofing it in has already commenced. Once the roof is on the windows and furnace will be put in and then the work of finishing the interior can be carried on uninterrupted by the weather, although there has been little room for complaint by the bricklayers on this score. The new building has a fine appearance and is a credit to Gleichen; one that each one may be proud of and can take their visitors to see. Last Sunday many of our townspeople visited the school and enjoyed the fine view from the second story.

It do beat all creation what this 'ere Sunny Alberta can do. Listen to this from the Vermillion Signal: "From the simple announcement of a birth appearing in another column of this issue, nobody would gather that an event of the greatest moment in the lives of two people had occurred. Mr. and Mrs. Frank White came to Vermillion a year ago from Michigan. They had been married fourteen years, and were childless. But today joy runs riot in the home of the Whites!" This fact should draw many more settlers to Alberta.

The land seekers continue to arrive and old Sol to shine hotly down upon them.

Gleichen seed fair, Jan. 26.

Councillors nominations Jan. 4th.

Sunny Southern Alberta expresses it very nicely—thank you.

We must one and all get busy now in order to secure the Agricultural College. Those Devine wishes it known that he has discontinued the lumber business at Cluny for the present.

There is a good investment for the person who will build houses to rent in Gleichen and it would be a good thing for this town.

Another school house is to be built in the Queenstown district, east of the lake.

A Watch Night service will be held in the Methodist church on the last night of the old year, 31st December. Service will commence at 11 o'clock and all will be welcome.

Ganong's chocolates in fancy boxes at Post Office Drug Store. Remember that you need not hesitate to give these to your sweetheart for Xmas, as they are the finest made.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison returned last week from Calgary and went back again Monday to stay a few weeks with their daughter Mrs. Burkholder, in hopes that something can be done for Mr. Harrison, who is far from enjoying good health.

There are two ways of spending a dollar. You can spend it at home, gain an easy conscience, make another friend and perhaps get the dollar back tomorrow, or you send it away, feel that you have spent it, offend the home merchant and forever lose the dollar and the blessed influence for good to yourself and neighbor.

The children are all agog over the Xmas tree to be given tonight and have prepared an excellent program for the occasion. It will hardly be necessary to advise their elders to express their approval by a large attendance for it is too well known that the Gleichen boys and girls are capable of giving an entertainment that is worth seeing. So a big crowd will be there.

Mayor Brown of Namaka is determined to make a city of his new burg. He has just succeeded in securing a school for that place and the election of trustees will take place some day this week. He has also been successful in getting a post office money-order department established, and has several other good things in sight for that place. May success attend his way.

Owing to the fact that we had to leave town on Monday our space in the paper was overlooked and we wish to advise all those holding tickets to bring them into our store not later than Monday evening Dec. 28th, so that we may be able to find out just how you stand in the gold watch contest. Names will be published next issue, and prizes will be awarded the second week in January. Wilkie & Firth.

Gleichen Grain Market

Following are the prices quoted today in Gleichen:

1 Red	76	1 N r.	79
2 "	73	2 "	76
3 "	70	3 "	72
4 "	64	4 "	69
5 "	58	5 "	63
1 Red	66	6 "	64
2 "	63	1 Red	68
3 "	60	2 "	65
1 White	73	3 "	62
2 "	70	Feed	46
3 "	65	Oats	25
4 "	58	Malting Barley ..	38
5 "	51	3 Barley	30
1 Red	92	4 "	28
2 "	88	Feed	25
3 "	83	Ref	25
4 "	46	Flax	90
Rye	50		

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TWO STORES

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Pleasant Ridge News

(From our own Correspondent.)

The plans of the Pleasant Ridge Club for the winter are still incubating. Most of the members have now returned. Naturally there will be something doing now.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Mills were in town Wednesday on a flying visit.

A. B. Penn has returned to his "submarine."

Edward Thomas and family have gone to Calgary to spend the winter.

The Nostar returned Friday from Brant, where he spent the fall as a member of a threshing crew. Joe's still right side up with care.

Andrew Oser has come back from a two month's sojourn in Calgary.

Bob Rowe, poet, orator and painter, is expected back soon to enliven us with some enthusiasm.

Martin O'Connor has erected a fine

The Call Wishes All Our Readers A Merry, Merry CHRISTMAS!!!

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W. PARK EVANS,

Publisher and Proprietor.

Gleichen, Alberta, December 24, 1908.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS ALL.

This is Christmas Eve and if it were
possible to deceive Santa Claus we would
hang up our socks and pray that they
would be filled with the following:

An agricultural college.
A railway north and south through
Gleichen.

The Blackfoot Indian Reserve open to
settlers from here to Bow river.

A fat bank account.

A section of irrigated land.

A return railway pass to our old home
in the east.

There are a few more articles we
would like, but the above would do until
our socks would hold more.

A Christmas Story

Two little beds placed side by side,
In a nursery somewhere about;

Two little figures dressed in white,
And talking! ('twas wrong, no doubt).

One little moon just peeping in,
Saw a stocking on each small cot.

"Stockings are meant for legs," said he,
"But I'm certain those are not."

One youngster said: "The chimney's
small,

And he's fat, they say, and old;—
Could grandpapa come down that way,

If you gave him his weight in gold?"
Said the other: "The presents, you
know

How sooty they would be;
If they are, it shows he's come that way.

If they're not, he's not you see."

Two little heads went slowly down,
And four little eyes were closed;

When two dark figures came softly in
By the door, it's to be supposed;

They stopped a while at each yawning
mouth

Of those stockings hanging there;
Whilst the moon remarked to a little star

"Walking toy-shops, I declare."

The sun came out and the moon went
home,

The stars had ceased to shine;
When these two little men seized a
stocking each,

Crying out, "It's mine!" "It's mine!"
Then with Christmas joy, without alloy,

They seized on each a piece of plunder;
They forgot all about the chimney soot,

Wouldn't you?—then who can wonder?

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place at Cluny in the early Spring and
can include what you want if you will
advise me now just what you require.

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see you and I will look you up when I
call on him in the near future.

My stock are all guaranteed.

A. G. EDWARDS,
R.F.D.1 Idaho Falls, Idaho, U.S.

Queenstown Happenings

(From Our own Correspondents)

A. Elder is erecting a new addition
to his residence.

A. Bagg has about completed a fine
new addition to his residence.

D. Barto, one of our prosperous farm-
ers, made a trip to Gleichen the other
day.

Mr. W. H. Robertson accompanied by
Miss B. Elder made a trip to Gleichen
last week.

P. Pulson of Claresholm is back on
his homestead again and is now busy
hauling his grain to Gleichen with the
assistance of O. P. Solberg.

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ditch and fenced and is an extremely good buy at \$25 an acre.

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and in good shape for breaking next spring. I will sell this in either halves or
quarter sections and at a bargain, the price being only \$28 an acre.

¼ Section, on Crowfoot creek, of unimproved land, with creek running
through mid tie of it and coal within ¼ mile of place. This is a chance you sel-
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Now is the Time to Buy. Don't delay.

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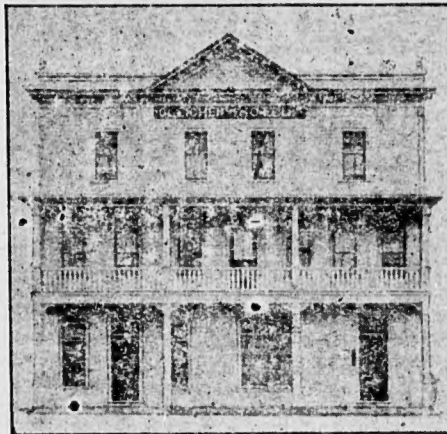
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MYSTFRIOUS EXPLORER

**PUNDIT A-K HAS SPENT YEARS
 IN THIBET.**

Secret Agent of British Government
 In India Has Surveyed Many
 Hundreds of Miles in the Forbidden
 Land During Wanderings of
 Nine Years—Counted the Miles by
 Saying Prayers on Rosary.

The survey of India has produced
 in its annual report the portrait of
 the greatest of Indian explorers. He
 was known to geographers for years
 as the Pundit A-K. His identity was
 not revealed as long as he was likely
 to be employed again in the exploration
 of Thibet, where no white man
 or East Indian was permitted to travel.

When he became superannuated
 the Government gave A-K a grant of
 land and other rewards for his remarkable
 services, and since then
 he has been known as the Pundit
 Krishna. The story of his wanderings
 for nine years in a forbidden
 land, even when told in the plain,
 dry style of official reports, reads
 like a romance.

There was not a waking moment
 when he was not acting a part. Born
 on the frontier of Thibet, he could
 talk the language of the country like
 a native, and this was his one great
 advantage.

He traveled always as a Thibetan,
 now as a merchant with a considerable
 stock of goods, then as an itinerant
 pedlar, again as a Buddhist devotee
 reciting sacred verses from
 hamlet to hamlet, and on two or
 three occasions, when necessity com-
 pelled, he secured employment as a
 herder of sheep and goats.

If his secret had been discovered
 his life would have paid the penalty.
 He was in peril many times, and was
 occasionally arrested and detained
 as a suspicious character, but he al-
 ways had a straight story to tell, and
 the truth was never known till he was
 living in the retirement and peace
 which he had earned.

His greatest mishaps were that rob-
 bers despoiled him twice of nearly
 everything he could use in paying his
 way. Otherwise he never met
 with any personal ill treatment, and
 the reports he made are remarkable
 for the absence of any expression of
 animosity against those who did him
 harm.

The Indian Government thought it
 politically of great importance to
 learn more about the vast closed
 country to the north, in which were
 hidden the resources of three of the
 greatest of India's rivers—the Indus,
 the Sutlej and the Brahmaputra. So
 the Government trained a number of
 Hindus who gave promise of becoming
 intelligent and skillful observers
 and taught them the arts of observation.

They learned how to make route
 surveys and to determine heights and
 latitudes. It was strongly impressed
 upon them that they must keep an
 unbroken record of the bearings and
 distances on their routes from place
 to place and also determine a few
 latitudes. With this information a
 fairly accurate map might be made
 of their travels.

They were to obtain distances by
 counting their paces. This is a very
 tiresome thing to do, but the Pundit
 A-K kept it up for practically every
 step on his journeys through Thibet.
 Sometimes he was so well to do
 that he had two or three horses to
 carry his trade goods, and the people
 thought it astonishing that they never
 saw him riding. Once he was clapped
 into jail by the governor of the district
 who thought him worth watching.
 He was released through the good offices
 of a lama, or Buddhist priest, who had
 seen him before and thought him the humblest
 and most devout man he had ever met.

The lama invited the Pundit to his
 monastery, 600 miles away, through an
 unexplored region, and the explorer
 had to ride a horse to keep up with
 the party. He counted every pace
 of his horse, kept up all his scientific
 observations, and no one was the wiser.

The way he contrived to lull suspi-
 cion all through his four journeys
 was very effective and ingenious.
 He managed matters so that the more
 scientific work he did the larger grew
 his reputation as a Thibetan of
 remarkable sanctity. As he walked
 his lips were always moving and it
 was evident that he was praying.

Appearance is deceptive, for he
 was merely counting his paces under
 his breath. He was always finger-
 ing his Buddhist rosary and every
 minute or so he would drop a bead.
 This act did not record another prayer
 uttered, but one hundred paces walked.

When the Pundit and his servant
 reached the Indian border on the
 last homecoming they were emaciated
 with their hardships, ragged and
 destitute, but they felt triumphant,
 for they had brought home every
 instrument they had taken away and
 preserved every journal and field
 book. None of his brethren in the
 survey equalled the exploits of A-K
 and he is coupled among the leading
 explorers of Thibet; but he had his
 limitations like his fellow-surveyors.

Many have supposed that the Asiatic
 explorers of the Indian survey
 were educated native gentlemen, but
 this was not the case. The survey
 was never able to secure the services
 of well educated natives who at the
 same time possessed the hardihood,
 courage and endurance required of
 an explorer in Thibet.

Boothblack Tenor in Opera.

Harry Sokolsky, a boothblack, who
 has a wonderful tenor voice which
 was discovered by Caruso, has been
 engaged to sing in grand opera at the
 Metropolitan Opera House in New
 York this season. Sokolsky is a Rus-
 sian, the only support of his mother
 and sister, and Caruso heard him
 sing in a Pittsburgh church in April.

THE SURPRISE PARTY.

**An Achievement of Which an Enemy
 Might Well Be Proud.**

There is little doubt that a surprise
 party given for a person of mature
 years is one of the highest forms of
 civilized cruelty. It is a custom of
 long standing and one that people
 still indulge in and do it blithely,
 with enthusiasm and a blind belief
 that they are pleasing, while all the
 time the poor victim is almost in
 tears at what he feels to be the
 tragedy of the thing.

It is no small matter to have your
 wife, the woman who above all others
 you feel sure understands you and
 agrees with you on all important
 matters, suddenly disclose a distorted
 sense of what is amusing, a mixing
 of what is kind and what is cruel,
 which results in one of the most
 maddening evenings you have
 ever spent, says The New York Even-
 ing Sun. To have at a word from
 her a life sized party explode in your
 drawing room and then, as the anger
 rises in your heart, inundates your
 speech—while this is going on inside
 you—to see her standing in the midst
 of that crowd of guests rocking with
 laughter—well, it is a man of super-
 natural sweetness and balance who
 can stand it.

A party is not a thing that one
 wants to stumble upon unexpectedly,
 particularly a party in your own
 house, the one place where you hope
 to find quiet, above all, a party of
 which you are the unwilling centre.
 No; one should be allowed to pre-
 pare for these things, to grapple with
 the idea of them, digest it, recover
 from it, so that when the night for
 it finally arrives the thought of the
 party will be a thing you are well
 used to, almost a part of your daily
 life, not a blinding light turned on
 with such suddenness that it leaves
 you blinking for the rest of the even-
 ing. That is not the sort of thing a
 friend allows to happen to you—
 naturally not. It is a thing an enemy
 might be proud of.

Fishin'.

Riding across the country one day,
 Dr. Blank noticed an old negro who
 had been for quite a while perched
 motionless upon a little bridge, fish-
 ing silently from the stream beneath.
 For some time he watched him from
 a distance, but finally, overcome by
 the old fellow's unmoved patience,
 he rode up and accosted him.

"Hello, Wash! What are you do-
 ing out there?"

"Fishin', sah," came the reply.

"Not getting many, are you?"

"No, sah."

"Well, it seems to me you'd get
 tired fishin' so long without a bite."

"I don't want no bit, cap'n."

"Well, that's funny. Why don't
 you want a bite, Wash?"

"Hit's this a-way, cap'n: When I
 gits a lots o' bites, hit takes all meh
 time to git the fish off'n meh line
 an' I doesn't have no time for
 fishin'."

Polite Children.

It is said that when Macaulay, a
 boy of six, was asked to have some
 more pudding he politely replied
 "Thank you, I have enjoyed an am-
 ple sufficiency."

This sage reply is matched by a
 little Cleveland girl who, when of-
 fered a second frosted cake, showed
 her excellent training by answering
 "Mamma has directed me to always
 refrain from taking a second piece
 of anything."

It is gratifying to know, however,
 that the childish nature promptly
 reasserted itself when the little maid
 added:

"But you can lay it on my plate,
 if you please."

The Banana.

The banana is said to have thirty-
 four times the nutritive value of the
 potato and twenty-five times that of
 bread. In the West Indies the na-
 tives cut the fruit into strips called
 "pogs," dry these in the sun and
 grind them into flour, out of which
 many excellent dishes are made. No
 cheaper food grows in the tropics.
 The plant begins bearing fourteen
 months after being planted. It re-
 quires no cultivation and produces
 harvests uninterruptedly for eleven
 years. A few feet of ground nour-
 ishes a plant, and the space of a
 dooryard will grow plants enough to
 maintain a large family.

Dog Must Not Work.

Some misguided person returning
 from a continental holiday has won-
 dered why dogs are not used in En-
 gland as beasts of burden. The rea-
 son why is nothing less simple than
 a statute. As long ago as 1839 an
 act was passed making it a punish-
 able offence for any person within
 the metropolitan area to "use any dog
 for the purpose of drawing or help-
 ing to draw any cart, carriage, truck
 or barrow." Fifteen years later, in
 1854, an act, passed in "the more
 effectual prevention of cruelty to
 animals," extended the prohibition
 to all parts of the kingdom.

Pianist's Ingenious Revenge.

The proprietor of a Paris cafe no-
 ticed that after he had refused to give
 the pianist an increase of salary the
 number of his customers dwindled
 rapidly. It was only when all but
 one diner had deserted him that he
 discovered the pianist had been in-
 flicting Chopin's "Funeral March"
 on the audience nightly. The pian-
 ist pleaded at the court that he played
 according to the mood he felt in
 after his request had been refused,
 but he was fined \$10.

Earthquake Carpenters.

The term "earthquake carpenter"
 at first glance might give the im-
 pression of a person capable of doing
 a job in fast time, regularly shaking
 the work to gether. To some per-
 sons it might convey the idea of a
 man whose work was so poor that it
 was likely to drop to pieces at any
 moment. Actually it is a Jamaican
 term and really means a man whose
 work is in wrecking, a man who takes
 apart the fallen houses and sorts out
 the timbers.

The Gleichen Realty and Insurance Company
 J. E. KILCUP, Mgr.
 Sale. Call and see our list of Real Estate.
 If you want to sell your property now is the time to list it
 with us. We have improved and unimproved lands for
 sale. Call and see our list of Real Estate.

THE HUB, - E. URCH

**DO
 YOU
 KNOW?**

That the secret of success is real
 merit. Our success has been
 built on this foundation—

Merit Alone

And in buying your Fruit, Con-
 fectionery, Tobacco and Cigars
 you get

99¢ acts. worth for one \$

Pool Room Three Fine Tables in connection

Gleichen Lumber Co.

500 FARMERS WANTED

At the Gleichen Lumber yard where you can buy the best
 lumber, lath, shingles, doors, windows, etc.

A fine lot of A1 Fire Wood just arrived.

Get our prices before buying elsewhere.

A. J. CAMPBELL, - Manager

Office Massey, Harris, Gleichen.

SARNIA LIVERY STABLES

We beg to announce that we have opened
 a Livery, Feed and Sale Stable in Gleichen
 and respectfully solicit a share of your valued
 patronage.

JAMES & LE MESSURIER, Props.

STAPLES & COMPANY, LIMITED.

Lumber,

Cluny

Bassano Brooks

In order to meet the demands of the settlers
 now pouring in along the line of the Irrigation
 Canal we have installed yards at the above points.

A full line of lumber and building material carried.
 Dimension, Flooring,
 Ceiling, Siding,
 Lath, Shingles, Doors, Windows, Mouldings, Etc.

Our Xmas. Goods and Prices

Special

Cranberries cut down and now selling 3 lbs. for 25c.
12 Boxes Japanese Oranges left.
Will sell these out at 75c. per box.

Here is what you need and you cannot do better than see our stock before you buy.

Everything Fresh

Choice Valencia Raisins, 2 lbs. 25c.
Choice Seeded Raisins, 2 pkgs. 25c.
Choice wet cleaned Currants, 2 lbs. for 25c.
Cape Cod Cranberries, 2 lbs. for 25c.
Dates just in, per lb. 10c.
Figs just in, per lb. 10c.
Mixed Peel, per lb. 18c.
Oranges, per doz. 60c.
Lemons, per doz. 50c.
Shelled Walnuts and Almonds, per lb. 40c.
New Season Coconut, per lb. 25c.
Fancy Table Spy Apples, per box \$1.90.
Eggs, per dozen 35c.
Butter, per lb. 30c.

We have just received an assortment of Dress and Dry Goods including Opera Shawls and Painted Sofa Pillow Tops. We have on order an assortment of Choice Boxed Candles and are in a position to supply Xmas. Trees, Holly, Mistletoe, Flowers and Wreaths for decorations. All orders for decorations must be in not later than Dec. 20. See our stock before buying and save money.

GLEICHEN MERCANTILE Co.

Opposite The Call Office

Leaders Last Week in the Gold Watch Contest



Mr. W. J. Slater
Mr. Benton
Mrs. D. Gillespie
Miss Convey
Mrs. F. H. Blackburn
Mrs. Wilson
Mrs. B. McEwen
Mrs. Malsey
Mr. Leggett

There are a few others whose names we have not obtained, but will try and print the full list next week. Come in and look over our stock before buying your Xmas. presents. We give you a straight discount whether you win a prize or not as each one of our tickets when filled out is good for \$1.25 worth of goods from our store.

Wilkie & Firth,

MISCELLANEOUS

Small Ads under this heading cost 50 cents for first insertion and \$1 per month, when more than one item is included an additional charge is made. Unless the number of issues are given with each order ads are run in until ordered out and charged for in full.

FOR SALE—I have closed a deal whereby I can sell 320 acres, war grant, \$1.65 per acre. Choose your land and write quickly. Captain Cooper, Box 412, Calgary, Alberta.

FOR SALE—Barred Rock Cockerels \$2. Mammoth Bronze Turkeys, young toms \$5. Pullets \$3. All these birds guaranteed pure bred. If not satisfactory may be returned. M. S. Gibson, Blue Spring Ranch. 11-20

FOR SALE—Two coyote hounds (dogs) fifteen months old. Good killers and one very fast. Will sell singly or together. Apply to J. F. Costigan. 13 miles north of Gleichen on C. P. Irrigation Survey.

FOR SALE—Windmill and pump in good working order. Apply, E. G. Ward, Gleichen. 11-19

STRAYED—From C. P. R. engineering camp 10 miles east of Gleichen, one yellow and white setter dog, one year old. Anyone finding same will be rewarded by returning to J. Duff, Gleichen, Alta.

FOR SALE—Double Iron Bed complete with mattress; also Bureau, Pinner Light, Range and small Table. Apply to Ralph Notter, Box 92.

THE J.C. RANCH



For Sale 10 Clydesdale Stallions

I am offering for sale 10 head of my Clydesdale Stallions, ages from 1 to 6 years. Five of these were successful competitors in the Show Ring.

Call and inspect my stock or write to what you want.

I have the best.
I breed the best.
I breed my own Show Stock.
I want your order.

JOHN CLARK, Jr.,
Box 127, Gleichen, Alta.

Gleichen Livery, Feed & Sale Stables.

HORSES
AND
CONVEYANCES
TO
HIRE.

SPECIAL ATTENTION GIVEN TO

LAND
SEEKERS.

COMPETENT GUIDES FURNISHED

David C.
Wishart,
Proprietor.

Work Horses Wanted!

At Gleichen, Dec. 30th

I intend to be at the Blackfoot Agency on the 30th instant with a view of purchasing a car load of work horses.

Only sound animals are wanted and they to be docile, free from vices, at least halter broken, over three and under seven years of age and weigh between 1200 and 1350 lbs individually.

J. A. MARKLE.

Queenstown Happenings

(From Our own Correspondents)

R. Shore made a trip to the city Friday.

Roy Jackson made a business trip to Nanton last week.

The crossing on the ice at the old ferry is in good order now.

P. Puleon is on a trip to Claresholm to look after his grain interests there.

W. Kripps returned from his Calgary trip looking none the worse.

Rev. Mr. Lynd will conduct services on Sunday, Jan 2nd, at 2 o'clock, in the school house.

A. Armstrong is settling down to be a good old bachelor these days—pancakes and molasses.

P. Reisdorf who has been sojourning around Macleod for the last two months returned to his homestead last week.

Wm. Smith was made happy the other day by finding some horses he lost two years ago. He found them at Macleod.

W. Hermann drove his brother, Carl, to Gleichen last week to be treated for rheumatism with which he has been afflicted for the last two or three weeks.

A pleasant surprise party was had at the residence of A. Beggs on Friday evening and proved a grand success, a large crowd being present. Dancing being the principal amusement.

To Smokers—T. & B. Tobacco is put up in 3, 4 and 9 plugs to the pound and sold at 30c., 25c., and 10c. per plug. F. K. McKay.

Santa will sure visit Gleichen tonight.

Burnt leather souvenir novelties at Post Office Drug Store.

Foresters' Annual Ball New Year's night, Jan 1st.

Pocket and office dairies for 1900 at Post Office Drug Store.

A. J. Campbell left last week to spend Xmas. at his father home at Paisley, Ontario.

Now is the time to buy New Year Calendars. See Yates' splendid assortment.

The true Christmas feeling is one of the grandest human nature can experience.

Frank Vigar brought in a fine collection of Xmas. trees on the stage Monday from Rosebud Creek.

The new farmers grain loading platform is now in commission and good use will be made of it.

The regular meetings of the Gleichen and District Board of Trade are held on the second Tuesday, in each month.

Sid Greenwell and F. Browning left last week for Yakama, Wash., where they will spend the winter.

Mrs. L. Lewis spent a couple of days last week visiting Mrs. Evans on her way from North Dakota to Wilmer, B.C.

The Gleichen Realty and Insurance is turning over business so fast that it has—well, see if you note it in this issue.

E. Urich has started a pool handicap tournament at The Hub in which over 30 are enlisted and much interest is manifested.

Y. R. Marshall extends invitations to all pilgrims to visit his bowling alley and pool room during the holiday season.

The Call has printed some excellent menus the past few days for our hotels and it is evident there is some mighty good things coming to the people of this town on Xmas. day.

The Gleichen stores never wore such gay holiday attire and it will do you good to view the decorations.

C. J. Bray's pigeon shoot tomorrow morning promises to be a great success and some new shots may be reckoned upon. The prizes he is offering are beauties.

In the year 1903 Gleichen has made more substantial growth than in any previous year and in next issue The Call hopes to give some idea of the actual growth in dollars and cents.

Special Christmas Dinner

—at the—

PEOPLE'S CAFE

From 2 to 6 P.M.

Our parlors will be specially decorated for the occasion—lots of Holly and—Mistletoe

We have heaps of Xmas. Cake, Candy and all sorts of Holiday Decorations for sale

Holly
Mistletoe
Wreathing
Xmas. Trees.

LARKIN & LARKIN,
Proprietors.

NOTICE

Sealed tenders will be received up to January 15th, 1904, for the erection of the Pioneer School House, No. 1828.

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

For plans and specifications apply to:

GEORGE HORELE,
Queenstown, Alta.

NOTICE

No person shall set out fire within fifty feet of any building. Any person guilty of this offence is liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding \$10.

J. TAIT JOHNSTON,
Sec-Treas., Village of Gleichen.

Notice of Dissolution

Notice is hereby given that the firm of Millie & Kinnismouth, carrying on a general butcher business in Gleichen has this day been dissolved and in future will be conducted under the name of Chas. A. Millie.

Dated at Gleichen, Alberta, the 1st day of Nov., 1903.

CHAS. A. MILLIE,
J. KINNISMOUTH.

Mayor Brown of Nanaka was in town Saturday adjusting some rather naughty business deals.

You may be Santa Claus if you will.

It is stated there are four very mild cases of small pox in the Indian children's home at the North Camp, and Drs. Lafferty and Rose are taking every precaution to confine it to that place.

A Chance of a Life Time.

Don't Miss this opportunity.

A large English Plum Pudding for only 75c. worth \$1.50
3 Large packages of Sultana Raisins for 25c.
7 Large cans of Tomatoes for \$1.

F. K. McKay

Phone 311. Goods delivered 15 minutes after Order received.

An Announcement

Having entered into partnership and bought out the bakery business of Messrs. Notter & Browning we will be found at their old stand for the present. We expect to move into the Larkin Block shortly where we will be pleased to meet all the old customers and all the new ones that may favor us with their patronage.

Wedding cake, Fancy cake and Good Loaf at fair prices.

PEOPLE'S BAKERY, GIBSON & LARKIN

There appears to be some very distinguished and titled personages around Pleasant Ridge, according to our correspondent.

For the convenience of their clients in and surrounding Gleichen, Messrs. Short, Ross & Selwood, barristers, of Calgary, have decided to open a branch of their law office at Gleichen, where one member of their firm can be consulted on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning of each week.

The Call is now prepared to supply all sizes and rulings for loose leaf ledger books to fit any bindings at Toronto or elsewhere.

J. M. Telford left Saturday evening for the jule coast, where he will spend a few weeks about Vancouver looking after his property interests there.

Call at the Drug Store for your Xmas. presents. Prices right and satisfaction guaranteed.

Rev. Cyril Froom, student of Alberta College, will preach in the Methodist church on Sunday evening next, 27th December. Subject: "What is your life?" Service will commence at 7:30 and all will be welcome.

The date on which the Gleichen Seed Fair is to be held has been set for Jan 20th. Get your prize winners ready.

The Elevator Ready

Just a few words now tells the story. Our elevator at Gleichen is now ready to be filled and we are paying Cash for Grain of all kinds and giving the best market prices.

Come and see our elevator when in town.

Alberta Pacific Elevator Co., Ltd.,
W. PAUL PAGETT, Agent.

A Merry, Merry, Christmas and a

Happy and Prosperous New Year to One and All

C. J. BRAY, - The Leading HARDWARE and FURNITURE Store

..Christmas Groceries..

New Layer Figs. New Table Raisins. New Valencia Raisins.
New Lemon, Orange and Citron Peel. Full assortment of Carr's Old Country Biscuits
Nuts of all kinds.

Before buying elsewhere we invite the ladies of Gleichen and district to come and have a look at our

New Silk and Net Blouses, Fancy Collars, Belts and numerous other articles specially got for Xmas. Holidays.

The Gleichen Trading Co., Ltd. W. H. JAMES, Manager.